IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0025] as follows:

[**0025**] A CollabSpace 10 represents an aggregation of various collaboration modality instances (different modes of collaboration) associated with a business context. The collaboration modality refers to a distinct collaboration capability provided by a specific technology such as e-meeting, discussion threads, instant messaging chat transcripts, online presence awareness (buddy lists), annotations, team rooms, etc. Additionally, the business artifact refers to the interrelated aspects of a business process within which a collaboration may occur. A CollabSpace 10 can be requested by any business application 20 and once created[[;]] it is available to other authorized business applications 20.

Please amend paragraph [0027] as follows:

[**0027**] The CollabManager 21 interacts with various Collaboration technology servers 33 such as Lotus QuickPlace® server (for team rooms), Lotus Sametime® server (for online awareness and instant messaging) both available from International Business Machines Corp., Armonk, New York, USA , and others through adapters 32. The adapters 32 implement standard interfaces for creating an instance of collaborative interaction (such as a team room, buddy list, threaded discussion) as well as other management functions. In case the adapters 32 are implemented as web services, the adapter interfaces can be represented in Web Services Definition Language (WSDL).

Please amend paragraph [0046] as follows:

[0046] Resources that are already defined as part of the parent context do not have to be repeated for a child context and can be easily derived by inheritance. Furthermore, the hierarchical organization of the Context Store 73 allows the system to use the context encoded by a parent node to access all the resources that are encoded by a child or grandchild nodes. For example, if B is a child node of node A, than all the contextual information that is encoded by node B should also be accessible to node A. In this case, the resource that is attached to node B is said to be directly related to the resource attached to node A, while the resources that are attached to a child node of B are said to be indirectly related to the resource attached to node A but are still accessible from the context encoded by <u>child</u> node <u>B</u>.

Please amend paragraph [0056] as follows:

[0056] This invention can be used to enable capability for collaborative user interaction within applications in all industrial sectors. It can be offered as collaboration middleware to software vendors for building inter-operable collaboration capability into their applications. The invention can also be offered by a service provider as a service for enabling contextual collaboration within a computer network. The collaboration is an integral part of a familiar business application, so it is easy to use, and a common set of collaboration technologies that are used across multiple applications is easier to learn. Further, software application vendors do not have to develop their own collaboration

software and the cross-application collaboration context improves marketability of Independent Software Vendor (ISV) software that is built using this infrastructure. Infrastructure based on adapters for various collaboration technologies allows plug-n-play of different collaboration technologies and improves flexibility. The common collaboration context across several applications, business processes, and business objects is appealing to customer specific embodiments.